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## Board ok's 4-period school day

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

DALLAS - The Dallas school board voted six to three to adopt a plan to restructure the way classes are scheduled and taught at the high school Monday night. The vote came over the objections of teachers, who had voted 32-2 not to recommend the change.

Dr. Richard Coslett, James Richardson, Ellen Nagy, Thomas Landon, Joseph Kunec and Ernest Ashbridge voted to adopt the plan, starting in the 1996-97 school year, while Clarence Michael, John George and Maureen Banks voted against it.

"This has been the hardest decision I have had to make on the school board, and I want you

to know I'm voting my conscience," Banks said.

Earlier she had tried to convince the board to table the decision until a new board will be seated in December. "Right now not all the board will have to live with this decision," she said. Nagy, Coslett and Michael will not seek re-election in November. Their terms expire in December.

Her motion, seconded by Michael, was voted down by Ashbridge, Kunec, Coslett, Landon, Nagy and Richardson.

"It's like the O.J. trial - if you're looking for a reasonable doubt, there's plenty of opportunity to find it," Nagy said.

The teachers had voted earlier to recommend the board not implement the new schedule,

The budget lists \$200,000 for hardware, \$10,000 for training

which the teachers said wouldn't benefit the students.

Michael, who taught school and was a guidance counselor for 34 years, said a student at Lackawanna Trail recently told him she had trouble scheduling all the classes she needed. This semester she has two classes and study halls from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays. She also has trouble concentrating for the entire 85-minute classes.

Lackawanna Trail began intensified scheduling this fall.

"I really feel sorry for her if she can't concentrate for 85 minutes," Coslett wisecracked.

Several residents also voiced their concerns to the board.

"If you can't sell it to the staff, don't start it," said Trucksville resident Tom Dombroski.

"The bottom line is that the children must be the center of the equation," said Dallas resident Lucy Messersmith. "Dallas may not be a showplace. We may risk being passed by. But the board needs input from the parents, taxpayers and teachers - are our children's interests being served the best? The new schedule will

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## High school teachers oppose change 32-2

DALLAS - The high school teachers just said "no" to intensified scheduling.

At a special faculty meeting October 9, the 37 high school teachers voted 32 to two not to recommend the board implement the four-period day.

Dallas Education Association president Bill Wagner presented the results of the teachers' vote to the board at its regular October 9 meeting, at which the board adopted the controversial plan, with three members voting against it.

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## For 'Red' Jones, a life of campaigning and helping

By JACK HILSHER Post Correspondent

Someone once said a good politician is quite as unthinkable as an honest burglar, however in the case of Oak Hill's Joseph Paul Jones that comment does not compute. (Also, make that read "Red" Jones...the shade of his hair got rid of Joseph and Paul long ago.)

To understand why the combination of good and politician is very thinkable in Mr. Jones' case, you have to look at the man they say stands behind every political figure. And he is definitely there, even though, as close friend Don Lasoski says, "You won't believe this, but Red is too good to be true."

Lasoski says, "I tried to get him nominated for the George Bush '1000 Points of Light' program a few years ago. That was the one to honor community-servers like Red, and I'd have made it too but the program lapsed when Bush

I'll give you three words...tireless, unselfish and caring. How's that?"

Bonnie Turchin Friend since teen years

lost."

And Jones' running mate Jim Phillips (surely you are aware the Back Mountain may soon have its first County Commissioner!) in the coming election says, "I've known this guy since he was a basketball coach and I was a referee. In the 60's his St. Vincent's team in Plymouth racked up over a hundred wins against only a few dozen losses. They were Class C champions five times."

The Jones clan - and Red himself - take his activities both present and past in their stride. There are daughters, Nancy and Linda,

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## Library marks 50th anniversary

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is celebrating its first 50 years this week, with events ranging from a discussion of popular fiction to a special children's story hour. Capping the week will be a parade Sunday, which will replicate a similar event that took place Oct. 14, 1945, at the library's beginning.

To celebrate the anniversary, The Dallas Post has produced a special commemorative edition that is included with this week's paper. It contains articles and photos about the library's founding, its growth and the annual auction that has become the Back Mountain's premier community event.

Additional copies of the special section are available at the library and at the office of The Dallas Post.

## HOMECOMING HOPEFULS



POST PHOTO/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

The Dallas Homecoming Court includes, from left, Kristen Nackley, Casey Heffron, Beth Wagner, Kristy Woolbert, Julie Hazz, Melissa Prokopchak, Marlana Saxon. The Homecoming Queen will be chosen during halftime at Saturday's football game, which starts at 1 p.m.



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The Lake-Lehman Homecoming Court includes, from left, seated, April Masters, Amber Tolbert, Justine Ruger. Standing, Jessica Pickett, Kelly Holcomb, Jaime Pall. The Homecoming Queen will be chosen during halftime at Saturday's football game, which starts at 2 p.m.

## Computers give police advantage

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

DALLAS TOWNSHIP - Now that the police department is on line with a new computerized records system, criminals may want to take their business elsewhere.

The new system uses the latest technology to store criminal records, photos and other information and can send them to virtually any police department in the world, according to chief Carl Miers.

"Using the Photofender program, our new camera takes suspects' photos and downloads them right into the computer for permanent storage," he said. "It eliminates the need for a Polaroid camera, film and secure storage for the photos, which always deteriorate with age. They'll never age in the computer. We can take the camera to a crime scene, photograph the evidence and return to the station to transfer it to the computer. If the picture is too dark or too light, the computer can fix it."

A separate scanner can reproduce regular photos and store them in the computer as well, Miers said.

Suspects' photos are stored permanently and are available for use in a photo lineup, in which they're displayed on the screen in beautiful living color to help vic-

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## A deer that was custom made for the job

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

BACK MOUNTAIN - Watch out, poachers and jacklighters. The Pennsylvania Game Commission has its eye on you!

The Harveys Lake Rod and Gun Club in Alderson recently donated a lifelike mechanical deer decoy to the Game Commission to help

in the war against "slob" hunters - those who hunt out of season, from cars or at night using spotlights. It's the first rod and gun club in the state to do so.

Members said they heard the Game Commission was looking for groups to sponsor decoys and decided to help out.

Standing about three feet high at the shoulder, the realistic deer

sports a removable six-point rack, real hide, whiskers and eyelashes. Its radio-controlled head can turn in any direction, simulating a real buck's (or doe's) body language.

The club raised \$475 to pay for the robotic deer, one of three in the Game Commission's Northeast Region. One deer decoy has

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## Franklin Twp. supers name new planner

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - Claiming they had to fill a vacancy on the planning commission so it would have a quorum at its next meeting, the supervisors unanimously appointed Steuben Granger to the commission at a hastily called meeting October 9 at 3 p.m.

Supervisors Robert Redmond and Tim Dymond had voted to remove planning commission member Frank Hilstolsky after a hearing September 26, and demanded the resignation of chairman Ed Dorrance, who quit "for the good of the township" Sep-

tember 25. Supervisor Bill Miller said he hadn't seen any of the applications to fill the position.

Roger Bellas, Mark Millington and Hank Psolka remain on the commission.

When asked why a fourth member was needed to form a quorum when three were sufficient, Redmond lamely said it was "necessary."

"I will be required to vote on an application submitted by my employer, the Reese family, and have recused myself from voting on that issue only," Bellas broke in.

Jay Futch questioned the

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It was a classic Dallas outlasted Meyers Friday, in one of the region's best games ever. Story, photos, Pg 11.

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